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In recognition of his nine years of devoted service at St. Edward's, including instruction in one of the most important of all college subjects-freshman English; the faithful performance in the administrative positions of vice president, dean of men, and rector; the energetic direction of student extra-curricular activities; the sincere industry in working for the students' welfare-spiritually, intellectually and physically; and in deep appreciation for the counsel he has given us and the inspiration he has been to us individually and as a group; we proudly dedicate the 1956 TOWER to a member of St. Edward's who will always hold a cherished position in our memories of college days—Brother Patrick Cain, C.S.C.







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As a token of our highest regard and heartfelt thanks for his dynamic and provocative teaching of the social sciences; the warm friendliness to all of us; his earnest concern in our problems - academic and otherwise; the inspiring model of a christian gentleman he has been by his exemplary devotion to God, his Church, his wife and children, and his neighbor; and finally the lesson of patience, perseverance, and pluck he has taught us in his present affliction; we sincerely dedicate the 1956 TOWER to a member of the lay faculty of St. Edward's who will be the main character in many a tale of our college experiences -William G. O'Hare, Jr.

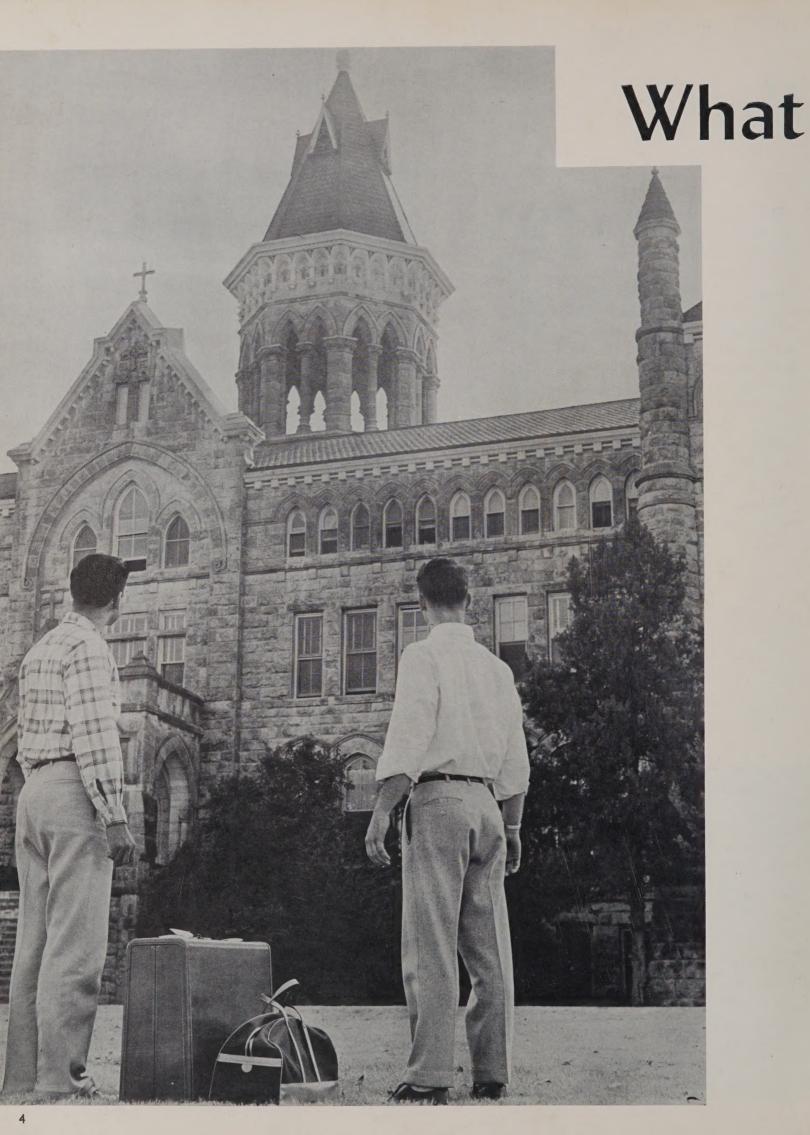


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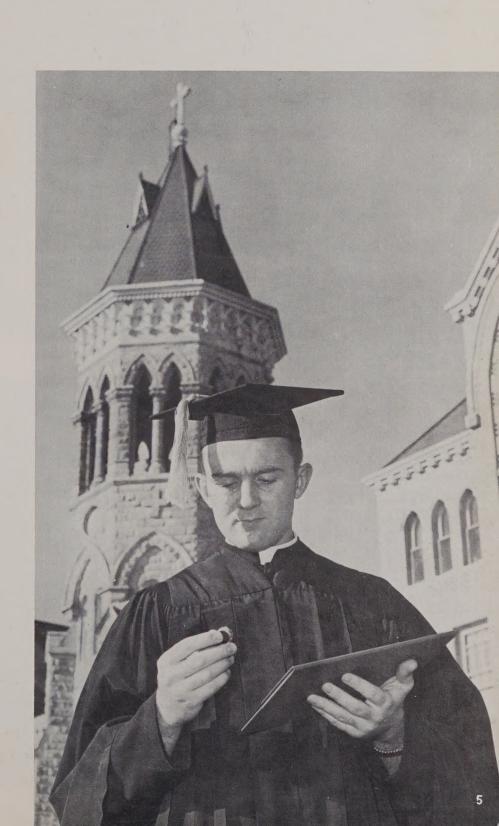
Makes an Edsman?

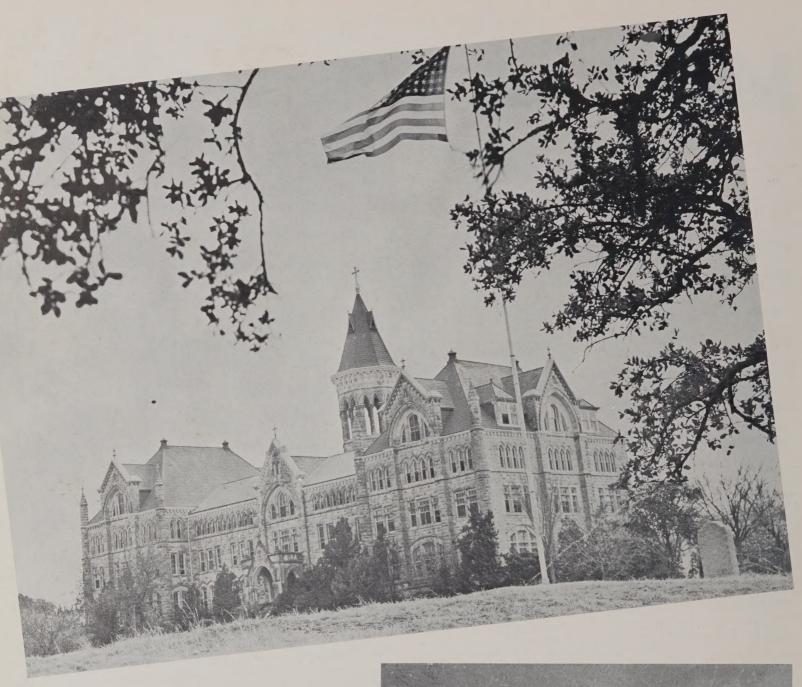
He arrives with bags, tennis rackets, and a mixture of eagerness and homesickness. His face is one of all freshmen—alert, a little too healthy, trusting, yet a bit scared.

For the first few days he is happy to be able to identify a building for a newcomer. Class begins . . . routine takes over . . . he learns where to go for that last cup of coffee . . . and he is well on his way toward becoming an Edsman . . .

His fads vary through the years, and though the personal appearance may be different, he actually doesn't change much outwardly. But inside values take on a new meaning; new concepts are understood. He leaves with something else in hand—assurance, skill, knowledge, and memories . . . memories, some which bring a grin, some a guffaw, and some which go deeper for expression . . .

This book is an attempt to define those intangibles which make an Edsman, by showing life at St. Edward's through a freshman's eyes.





A rock wall, scraggy Texas trees, low underbrush and green cedars border the winding road leading to a campus dotted with new and old buildings and the human beings involved.

Over all is the spired Main Building, like a patriarch whose life has held disaster, laughter, and quiet serenity.

Unlike the newer buildings, Old Main remains proud in its cloak of rock, stained glass and worn steps. It stands overlooking Austin, enjoying the most excellent view of the Capital City, the hills, and the roads leading beyond. Dignified, a little haughty, yet secure and warm.







"St. Edward's University" announces the sign, and behind it lies 570 acres of the University, 170 used for buildings and the rest for hiking, roaming, and field trips. First the freshman sees the newest addition to the campus, the Library and Administration Building. Here classes are held, policies are put into procedures, and footsteps pad up and down the stairs until late at night. With its many windows and walls of plate glass the Library presents the other side of life at St. Edward's, modern, efficient, bright and busy. During the day are heard the lectures of the faculty up and down the halls, laughter, groans and lots of talk between classes. And at night a light burns here and there where clubs meet, a professor works on his papers, and students peruse the treasures of the books inside.



Down the drive toward the Main Building stands a wooden structure. On the outside it is plain and humble, and the freshman at first feels the same about the interior. Yet here are needed no special decorations. The Chapel and its significance add even another facet to life at St. Edward's, one which comes to mean more and more to the freshman as the years go by.

And farther down the path is the Grotto, a spot so serene it is difficult to realize that only steps away students are cramming for quizzes, getting a date, and writing home for money. The Chapel and the Grotto offer a place for evaluation and culmination of all learning and living . . . a re-emphasis of the purpose of human beings.



Plain, sprawling, and rather stodgy, Memorial Gymnasium doesn't have much visible personality, and the fall of footsteps sound noisy, yet empty, when the students are gone. To Edsmen, though, it remains a warm and friendly place. They hear within its walls the echoes of the cheers of students down through the years, encouraging score on score of athletes in the conference games as well as the intramural rivalries.

To them it is never quiet, never dull; for there they've seen victory and defeat, and have learned to take both well.

The Class of 1959 will add its flag to the staff when graduation time arrives. The presentation of a new flag by the senior class has become another of the many traditions at St. Edward's.



He meets the President . . .



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"How do you do, John?" More than a formal reply to an introduction, this question is uppermost in the mind of the President of St. Edward's University, Brother Elmo. His concern lies with the well-being as well as the scholastic progress of all the students at St. Edward's. A man of wisdom, warmth, vision, and humor, Brother Elmo has directed the University since 1950.

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My dear Students:

As THE TOWER goes to press, I want to express these thoughts

It is said that it is not the image we create of God that proves God's existence; but rather the effort we make to create the image. Such is true, not only of the Absolute Good, but even of most, if not all, relative goods. These are real to us and thus enjoyable in a full sense not by imagination or wishful thinking, but by the effort made to attain them. This is likewise true, therefore, of an education, quite a good spiritually and materially.

Your undergraduate college days are over. What they have meant and will mean to you, time and experience will tell. We hope that your days here on the Hilltop have been enjoyable and fruitful. May your remembrance of us be long and pleasant; and may the years ahead be most satisfying

Congratulations and every best wish to all the seniors.

Very sincerely,

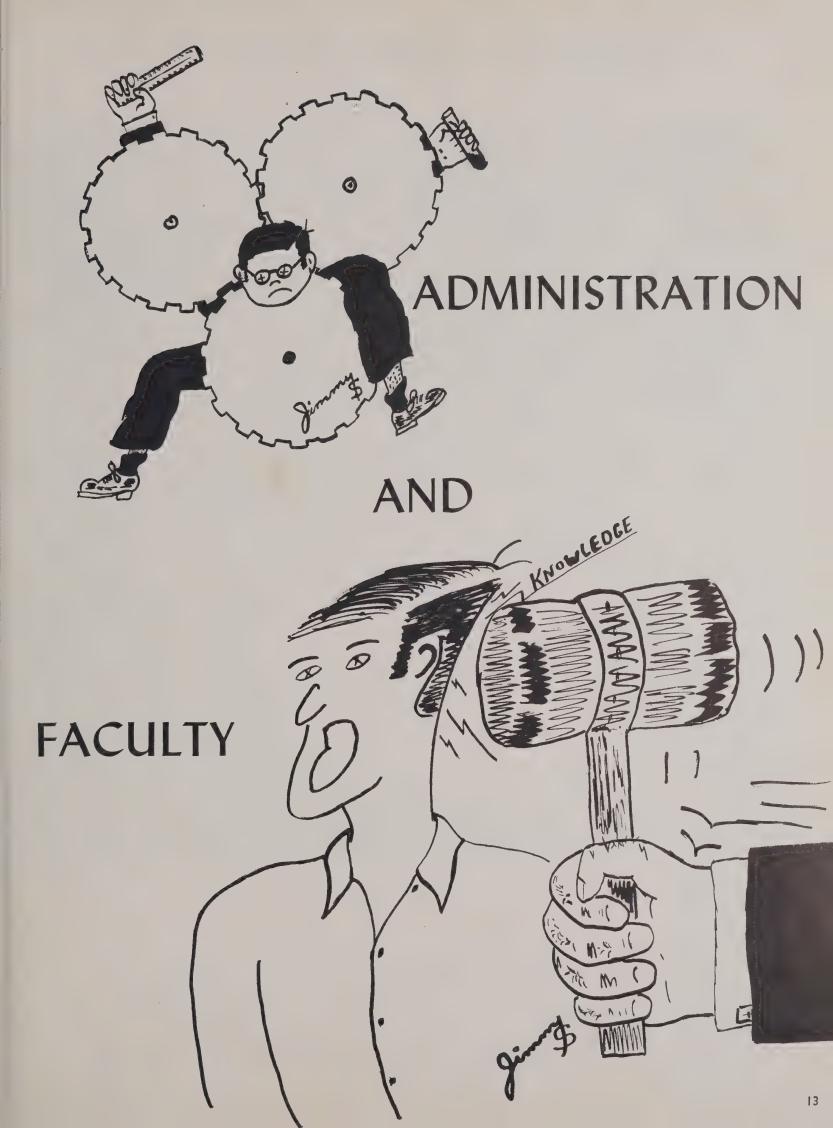
Brother Elmo, in Brother Elmo Bransby, C.S.C. President

... the Vice President ...



BROTHER SIMON SCRIBNER, C.S.C. Vice President — Dean of Men

"Cu-uhm in!" rings out and the freshman meets the Vice President and Dean of Men of the University. Brother Simon leans back, takes a long puff on his pipe, and smiles. No matter what the occasion — disciplinary, advisory, or just friendly visiting — he weighs his decisions on a fashion almost visible. And the student sometimes comes out on top. The relaxed atmosphere of the room and the man is more than comforting; it is stabilizing. Weighty concerns become lighter and solutions come quicker. A true addition to the family life of St. Edward's.



... the Dean of the College ...



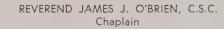
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"Hello" and a quick smile. The freshman sits down and immediately relaxes. A man of analysis and sensitivity, Brother Raphael is a scientist, teacher, musician, and at once a friend. His activities extend to the administrative duties of the Dean's office, teaching, research, cooperation in student extra-curricular activities by moderating student clubs and assisting with the Glee Club, and performing other professional duties outside the University. His "busyness" never keeps him from having time to chat with students, offering advice, encouragement, and sometimes frank reprimand. He is another of the administration whose goal is always to develop capable men at St. Edward's.

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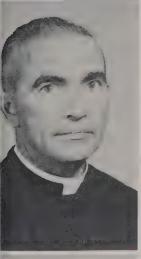




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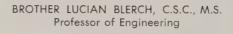


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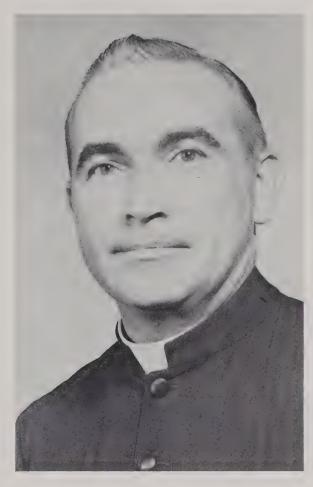


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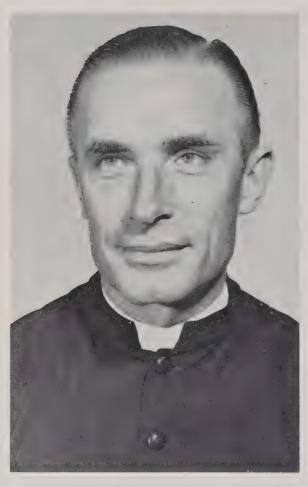
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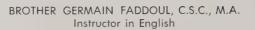


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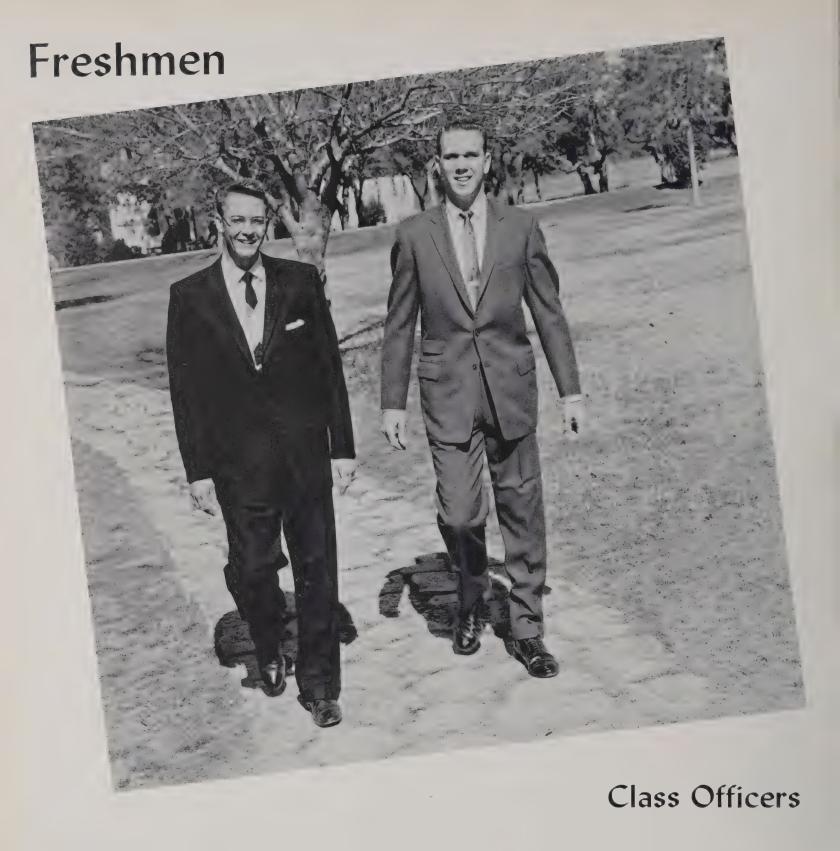
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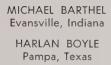
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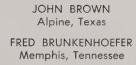
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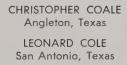


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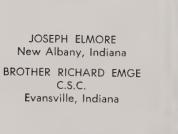


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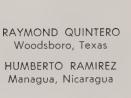
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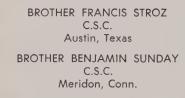




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Mixed Emotions . . .







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And Freshman Week Began . . .



On Saturday, November 12th, Freshman Week officially opened with the traditional Turkey Trot Dance. This year beanies were not required to be worn, and the hair clipping penalty was abolished by the administration along with the traditional savage mud fight. It didn't take the Frosh long to find out they didn't have to wear those beanies . . . the sight of one being the exception rather than the rule.

But when time came for class spirit to be shown by participation in Frosh Week the fun started. Most freshmen showed up for cleaning Senior's rooms — of course, things like shaving cream in shoes, and cut shoe laces were common by the time they finished. And when it came to singing the school songs, what they did to the songs really shouldn't happen to the proverbial dog.



The Service Was Excellent . . .

and the entertainment better. All seniors agree that Warren Lucas missed his vocation by coming to college and should stick with his table-top routine.

... the Fire Premature

When the sophomores lit the unguarded bonfire, a bunch of more disheartened individuals were never seen. But alas, the Frosh answered the distress call and the damage was light.



The Bonfire Began Looking Up . . .





... and a "Cool Cat"

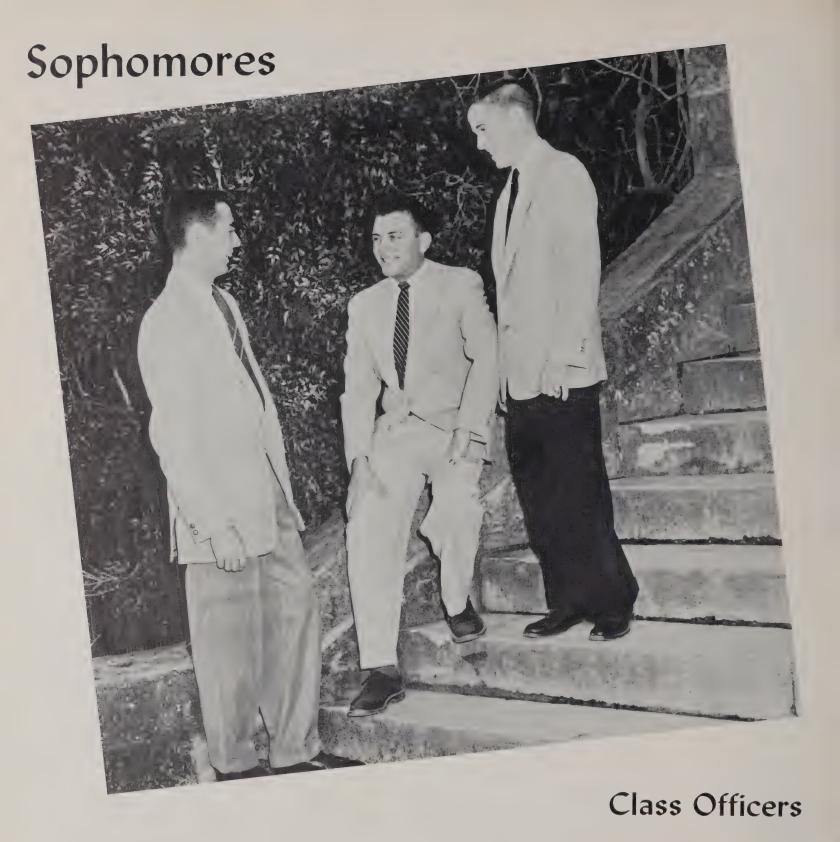
Pushed a Peanut



... but Not Without His Shades







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1/2 Edsmen ------Sopho



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THOMAS FITZGERALD
South Bend, Indiana

ores ----1/2 Edsmen



. . . his roommate too.

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1/2 Edsmen ----- Sopho



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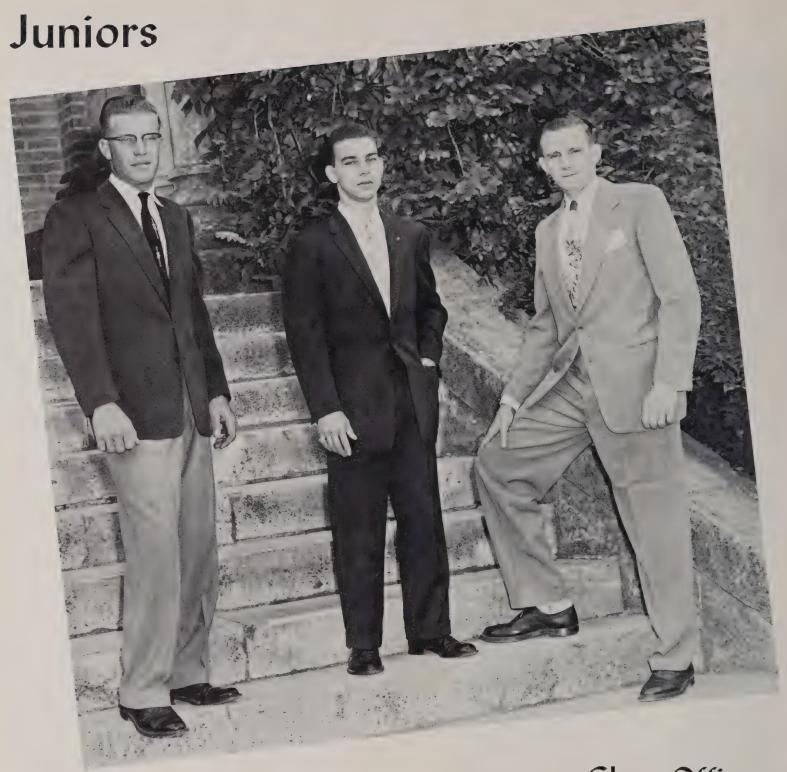




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If you've gotta go . . . You've gotta go.

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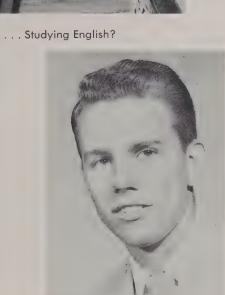


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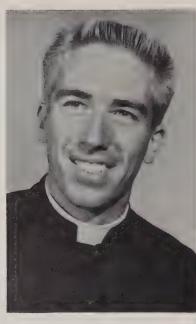


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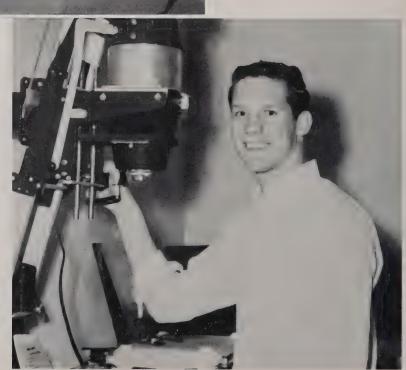


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CIRCULATION STAFF: Jim Pattillo, Jay Valdez, Bob Dowdy and Arnold Landry, manager



Midst debates and cries for "Point of Order," the Student Activities Council works to coordinate the activities of all the campus organizations. Members of the Council are the presidents of the clubs and classes and the junior and senior delegates for the National Federation of Catholic College Students. In addition to the usual job of handling elections on the campus, the S.A.C. planned the Catholic Youth Week promotion and coordinated the First Friday Adorations this year. Legislative moves taken by S.A.C. were the institution of the student activities tax for 1956-57 and a solution to the parking problem.



Left to right: Jim Gaffney, Edward Vela, Bill Cronin, Charles Kelsey, Joe Marcy, and Arnold Landry

Left to right: Dan Singel, Emil Graham, Ron Bella, Mitch Tomaszkiewicz, Albert Popp, and Vince Soler





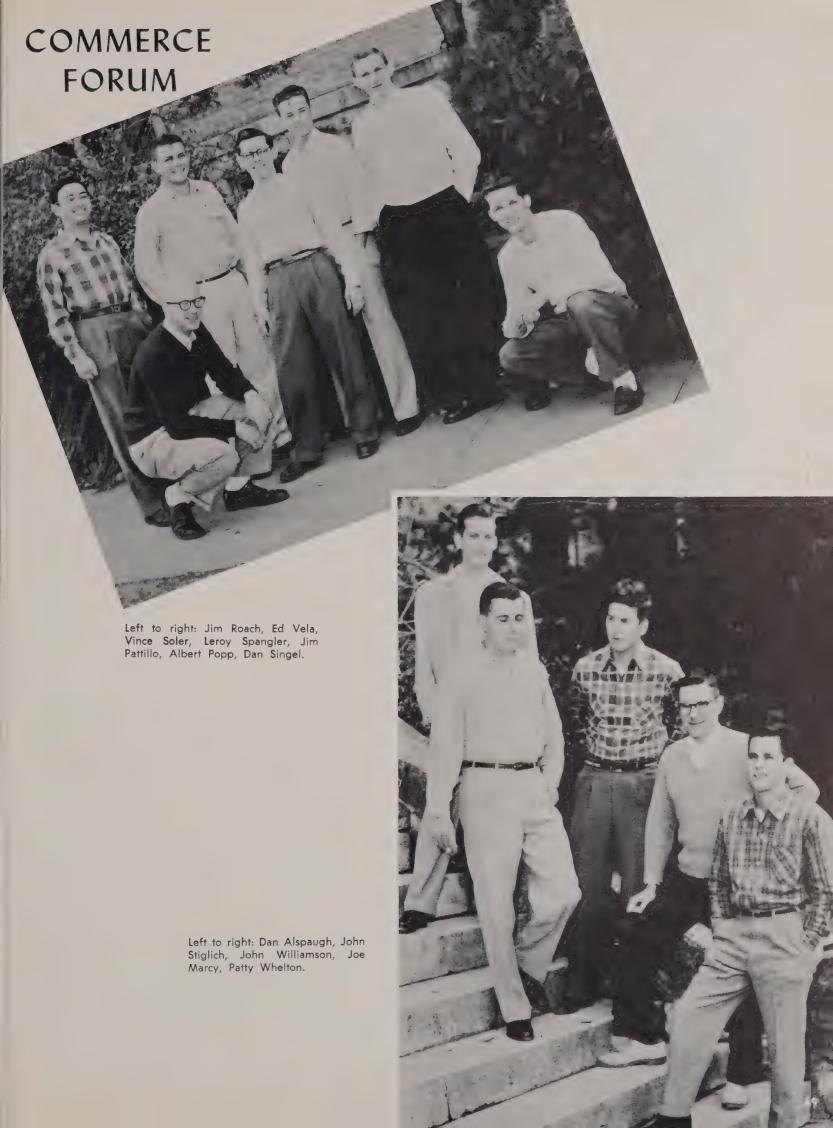
COMMERCE FORUM



Left to right: Henry Naizer, Joe Murray, Jerome Godnich, George Grobowsky, Ismael Fayad



The Commerce Forum is an honorary club composed of students in Business Administration, Accounting, and Economics. The purpose of the Forum is to supplement classroom education with actual business operations. To achieve this purpose the Forum sponsored an informal talk by representatives from Investors Diversified Service and toured such places as Alcoa, Jefferson Chemical Laboratories, Austex Chili, the Pearl Brewery, Austin National Bank, Woodward Furniture Co., and an oil company. The Forum also sponsors a dance and co-sponsors a picnic with the Knights of Columbus.



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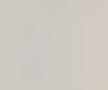
The largest Knights of Columbus council in Texas is found here at St. Edward's. It is also the third college council organized in the United States. Membership in the Council ranges from 150 to 175 each year. The council's most important work on the campus is the encouragement of students' attendance at religious exercises and coordinating Corporate Communion. They also sponsor a student through St. Edward's High School... On the social side, the K of C's plan an allschool hayride in the fall and the boatride in the fall and the boatride on Lake Austin in the spring in addition to the organization's parties.



Left to right: M. Welton, Brother Francis Bond, C.S.C., V. Buonocore.



Left to right kneeling: Raymond Quintero and Harion Boyd. Standing: Luddy Scotka Emiliare Gram and Jack Smith.



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Left to right LePo. Spangler Tom Rian Teo Oppermann Ed (ela and Frank Halibe

Left to right: Joseph Harmett Tom Kleffer Warren Young Bob Longon Fred Stegall, Shaun Olbrien standing Tom LeBland sitting.



"E" Club



Twenty-five men who have earned "E" monograms at St. Edward's make up the "E" Club which strives to coordinate students in working not as individuals, but as Edsmen. This group sponsored the Bill O'Hare Day, which included an exhibition basketball game with Huston-Tillotson, the proceeds of which were sent to Mr. O'Hare who is confined in the hospital, recuperating from poliomyelitis. Another project for the club was Fight Night, a successful evening of exhibition boxing, championship bouts, and the comic Battle Royal. Celebrating the opening of the basketball season, the club sponsored a dance in the gymnasium in October.







Founded in 1952 with Brother Raphael Wilson as moderator, the Galveston Club has never had over twenty members at any one time. Yet the Club is noted for the activities they sponsor on the campus. The first social event of the school year was originally and is traditionally given by the Galveston group. Other projects are coordinated with faculty objectives. Being the only city club, the Galveston Club's operations do not cease with the end of the spring semester, but are carried through the summer months on the Treasure Isle.





Left to right: Maurice Whelton, Ellis Williamson, and Tom McCarthy.

Left to right: Bob Dowdy, Eddie Mallia, Jerome Godnich and Ted Oppermann.



Left to right: Joseph Hartnett, George Gourley, Geno Marchi, Vince Soler and John Stiglich.

Indiana Club



The Indiana Club, organized on St. Edward's campus so that the men from Hoosier Land could become better acquainted and thus contribute more to the activities of the school, functioned this year under the guidance of Brother Raphael Wilson, C.S.C. Brother Raphael was elected to moderate the club this year when Brother Patrick Cain, C.S.C., the former moderator, was transferred to New Orleans. This year the club's annual dance, The Harvest Hop, was not held because of conflicting dates that arose, but with the publishing of the Student Directory and their other activities the club continued to be one of the more active clubs on the campus. This year the Student Directory includes the members of the faculty as well as the names of all registered students.

The members of the club this year hail from Sellersburg, Evansville, Indianapolis, New Albany, and South Bend.

Hoosiers





INDIANA CLUB MEMBERS—left to right: Miles Lancaster, Jerry Kromkowski, Jim Hummel, Charlie Koehler, Frank Heyde.

Italo-Latin Club



Founded last fall, the Italo-Latin American Club has twenty charter members, including seven citizens of four Latin-American countries. At present membership includes not only students of Italian or Latin-American descent, but also several others, a secondary aim of the club being the fostering of a more complete intermingling of the cultures represented on campus. Highlighting the numerous first-year activities was a colorful dance, featuring a unique Latin - American flavor. During the first semester the club conducted the New Cheers Contest, a ping pong tournament, and a student trip to San Antonio for the St. Mary's-Hilltoppers game, preceded by a dance at Our Lady of the Lake College. Brother Albeus Walsh, C.S.C., is moderator, and Joe Picciandra (Joe the Barber) is an honorary member.

Left to right: Eduardo Paniagua, Francisco Flores, Roberto Bautista, and Fred Wilhelmi.



Left to right: Al Popp, Bob Longoni, Arnold Landry, and Jim Schlebach.



Honorary member Remolo Picciandra (Joe the Barber)



Left to right: Jim Pattillo, Warren Lucas, Jorge Gonzalez, Jose Juarez, Jay Valdez.

Press Club



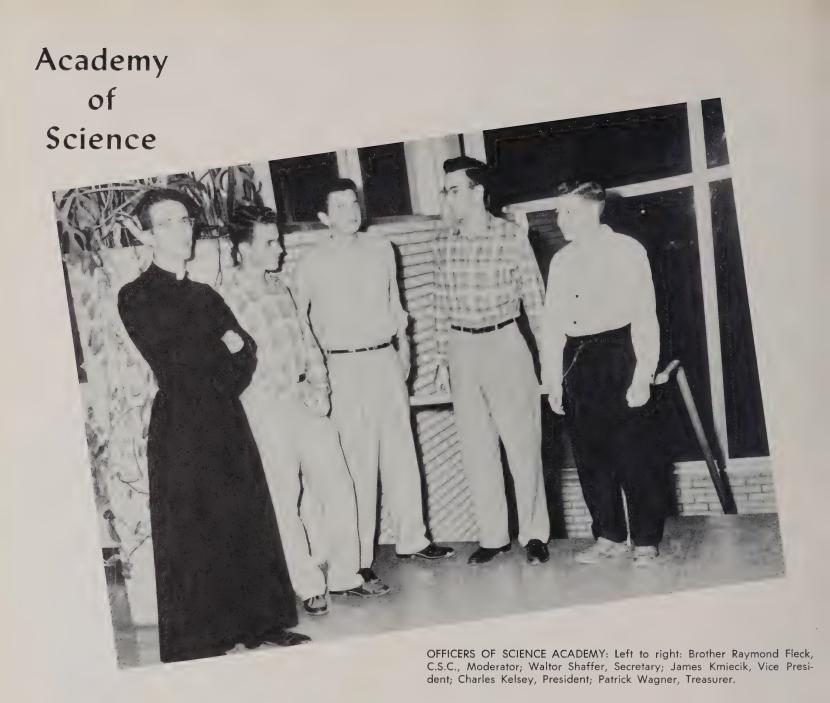
Left to right: Bob Longoni, Treasurer; Arnold Landry, Secretary; Walton Shaffer, President; Dan Singel, Vice President.

Composed of students staffing the student newspaper, the HILLTOPPER; the yearbook, the TOWER; and the student radio station, KSEU; the Press Club sports one of the largest memberships among campus social organizations. It sponsors the Hilltop Capers in the fall, which features student talent and guest stars. This year singers Tom Powers and Bill Puchner took the first and second places with pianist Joe Nieto placing third. Another activity sponsored by the Press Club is the Dutch-Irish Field Day held near St. Patrick's Day, when the Irish take on the Dutch in sack races, egg-throwing contests, and other contests of skill. The all-important Man of the Year contest is sponsored by the Press Club also. At the Senior Ball the winner is presented with a trophy by the group.

Dutch? Irish? Suckers!







Incorporated once more in the state association, the St. Edward's Academy of Science promotes interest in all branches of science and encourages educational investigations by scheduling lectures by the faculty and students, for the bi-weekly meetings and professional questions. Such lectures have included discussions on phases of research tours of three industrial plants, Diamond Alkali in Houston, Jefferson Chemical Laboratories in Austin, and Alcoa Aluminum in Rockdale. Member Jim Kmiecik won second place in the state association, being asked to read his paper before the state meeting in Waco. The group also contributes to the social life of the campus.



Left to right: Brother Richard Emge, Carlos Delgado, Brother Joseph Heisler.





GLEE CLUB MEMBERS—First row, left to right: Dora Codina, Gloria Davis, Gretchen Frisch, Carmen Tamayo, Kay Gambino, Peggy Terrell, Pat Walshak, Joycelyn Jackson, Elizabeth Keffler, Jennette Weidenfeller and Mr. Louis Kromminga, Director. Second row: Alice Vacek, Madelene Shumann, Anne Kuempel, Carlos Tamayo, Francisco Flores, Carlos Delgado, Walt Shaffer, Bill Puchner, Henrietta Kouba, Edna Stemen, Marian Mitchell. Third row: Mike Harford, Ray Quintero, John Fulcher, Kermit Thiele, Rex Nicholl, Carroll Bourgeois, Rich Ries, Ron Wietlispach, Tom McGuire, and Bradley Guidry.



First row: Brothers Peter Baltrinic, Jerome Ziliak, John Ptaszek, Michael Ardoin, John Reynar, Theodore John. Second row: Norbert Allerton, Richard Emge, Albert Ciri, Victor Valla. Third row: Robert Daggett, Thomas O'Linn, Donald McCoy. Fourth row: Richard Albright, Richard Duffey, Albin Kuzmineki, Donald Mroscak. Fifth row: Donald Pelous, David Callahan, Francis Bond, James Greteman, James Everett. Sixth row: Hugh Lennon, Joseph Heisler, Douglas Roach, Philip Bunting, Elmer Berta, Joseph Tetlak. Director: Brother Philip Armstrong, first row, rear.

TEXAS CLUB



Left to right: Gino Marchi, John Stiglich, Jim Korenek, Kermit Thiele, Eddie Mallia.







Left to right: Jerry Henscheid, George Gourley, Bob Dowdy, Harlan Boyd, and John Hairston.

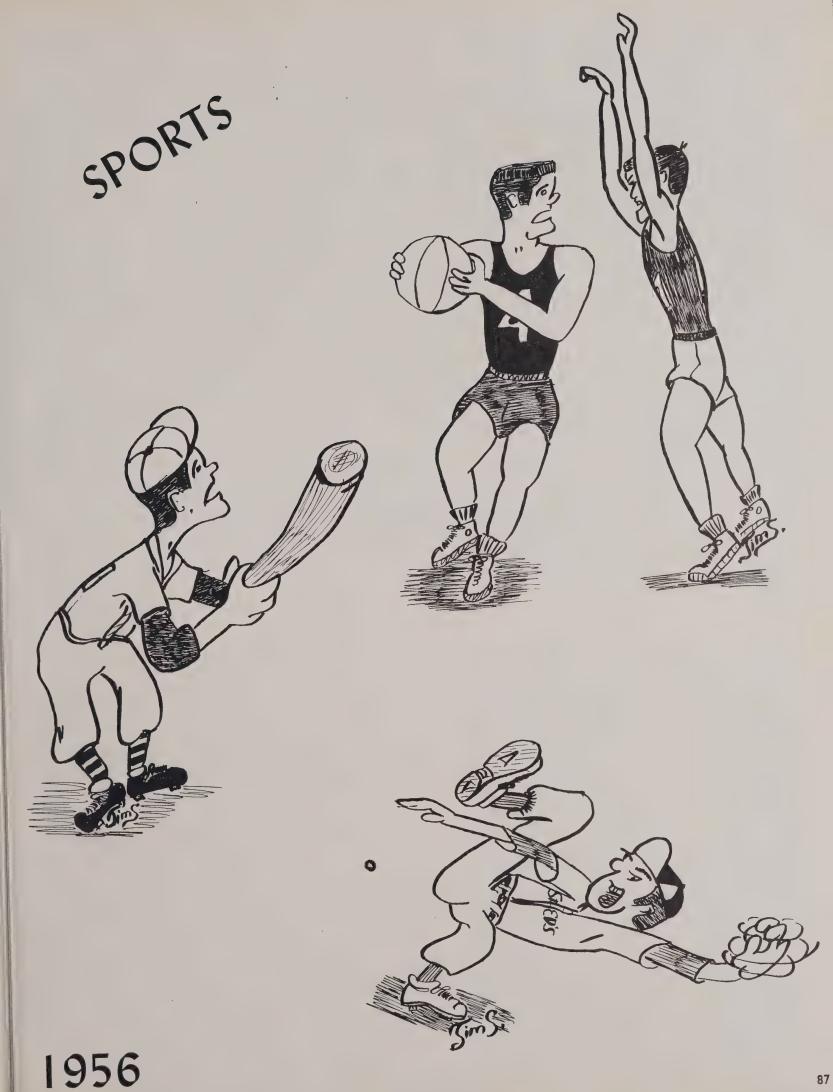
Left to right: Ronald Pawlik, James Todaro, Bill Darilek, James Schlebach, Emil Gram.

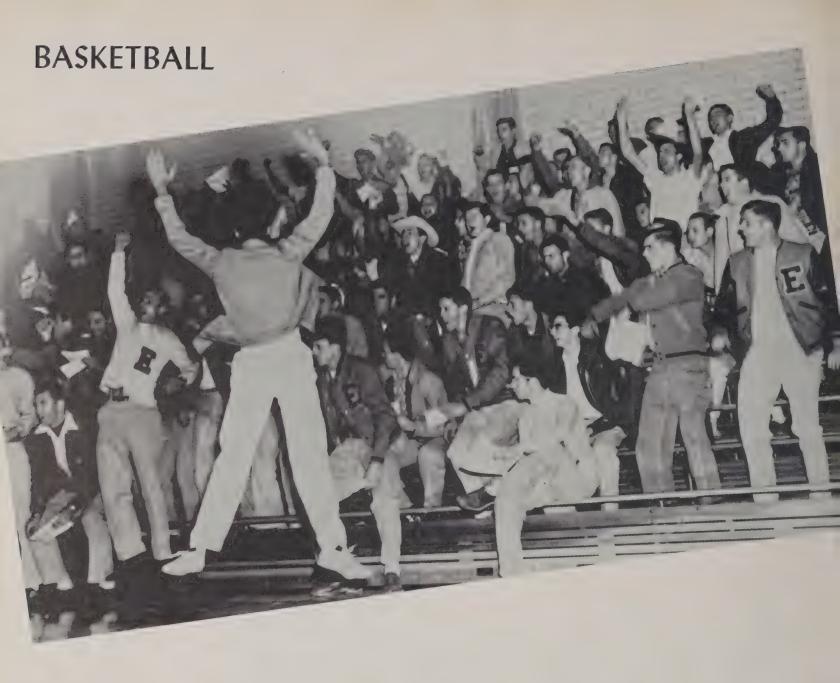


N. F. C. C. S.



Left to right: Bill Ripley, Bob McCarthy, President, Pat Hamill, Jim Pattillo, and Jay Valdez.





Once again the Hilltoppers amassed a creditable season that saw them end up with a 13 won, 9 lost record. Thanks to a torrid streak during mid-season, the toppers even held the conference lead for one week, but eventually found themselves in a tie for second place with Texas Wesleyan. Then too, the Edsmen kept a tight rein on St. Mary's University, taking both games, so that all ended well. Senior Ron Bella took over the floor leadership of the team and turned in an excellent season, leading team scoring and being chosen to the Big State All-Conference first team. Al Popp rated a berth on the All-Conference second team.

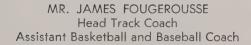
THE SEASON

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St.	Edward's	77	Pan American College	62
St.	Edward's	72	East Texas Baptist College	80
St.	Edward's	67	Corpus Christi University	66
St.	Edward's	75	Southwestern University	48
St.	Edward's	.63	Stephen F. Austin College	87
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Coaches



MR. EDWARD M. NORRIS Head Basketball and Baseball Coach





BROTHER WALTER FOKEN, C.S.C. Athletic Director



BASKET

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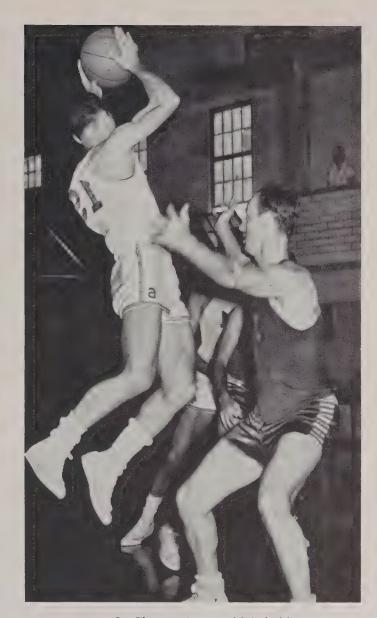


DON STUMP ... Jan's boy, Stumper

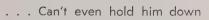


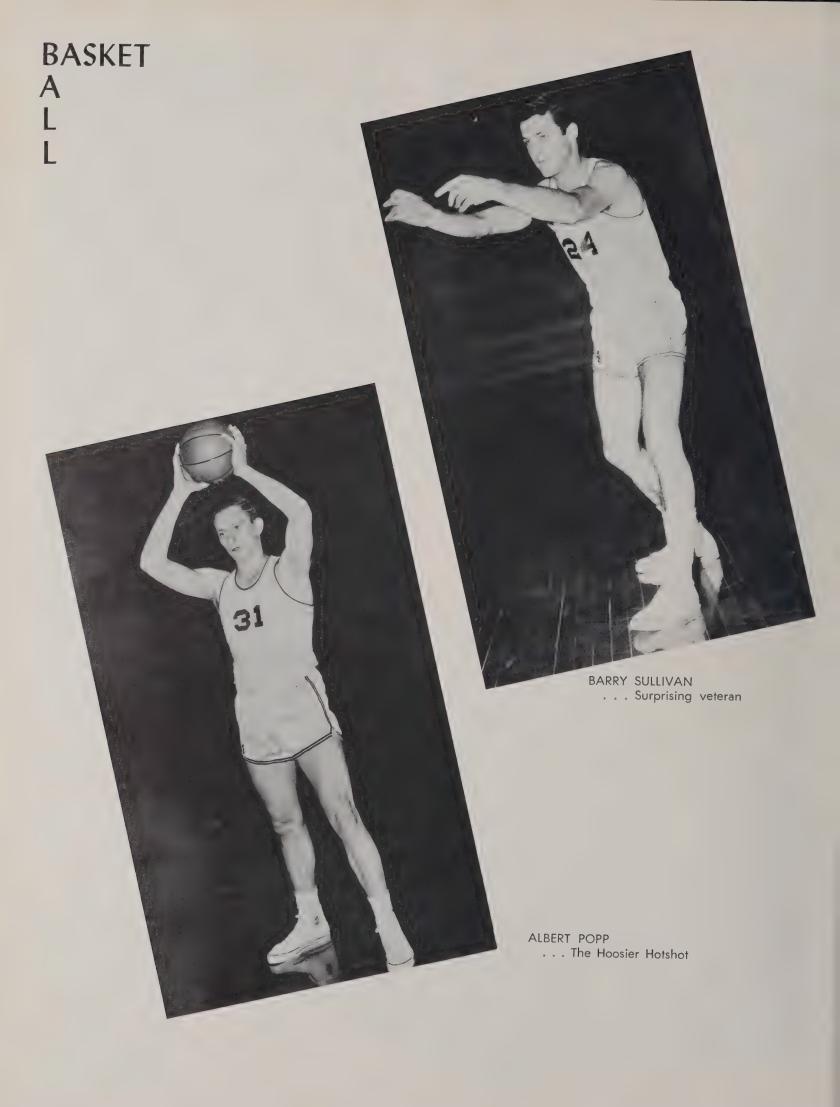


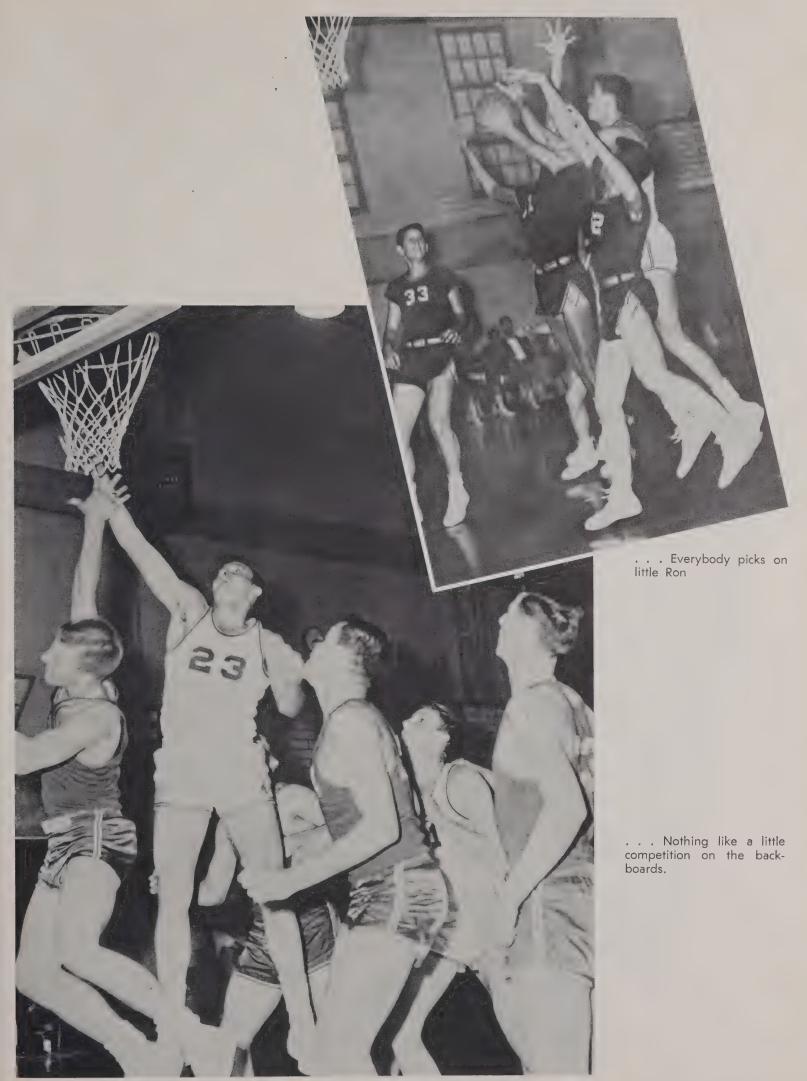
. . . Come on, Shorty, let me through

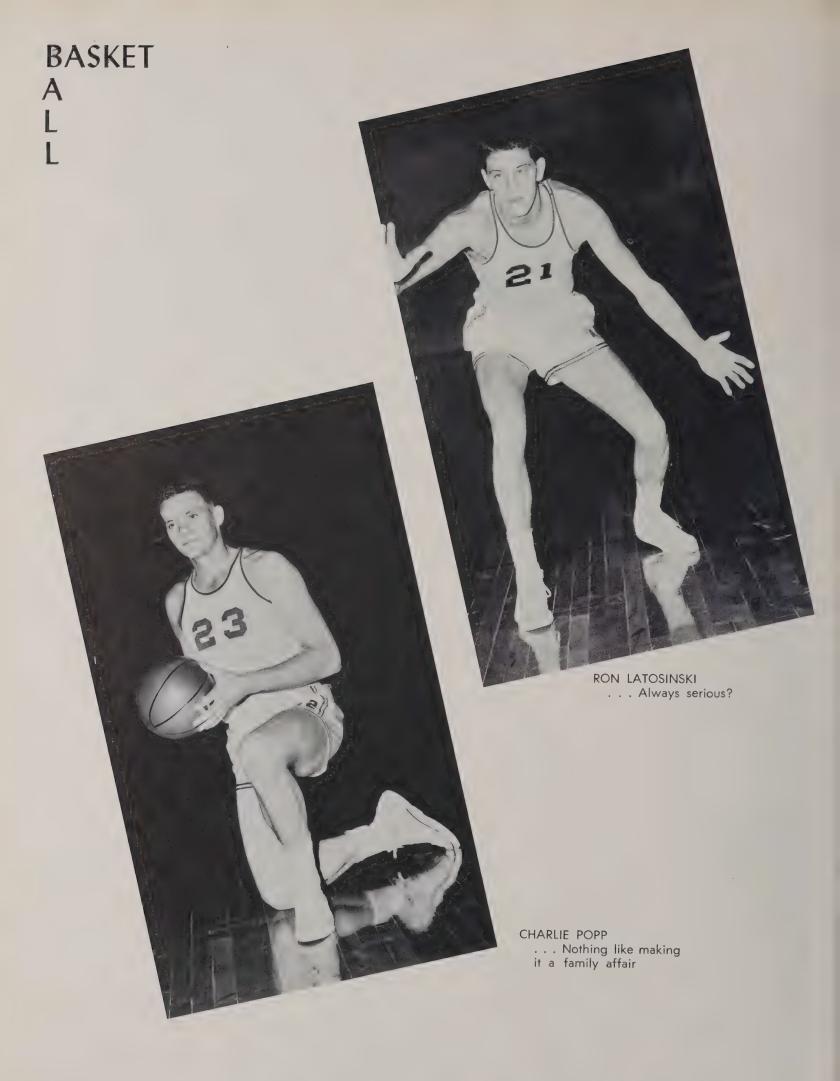


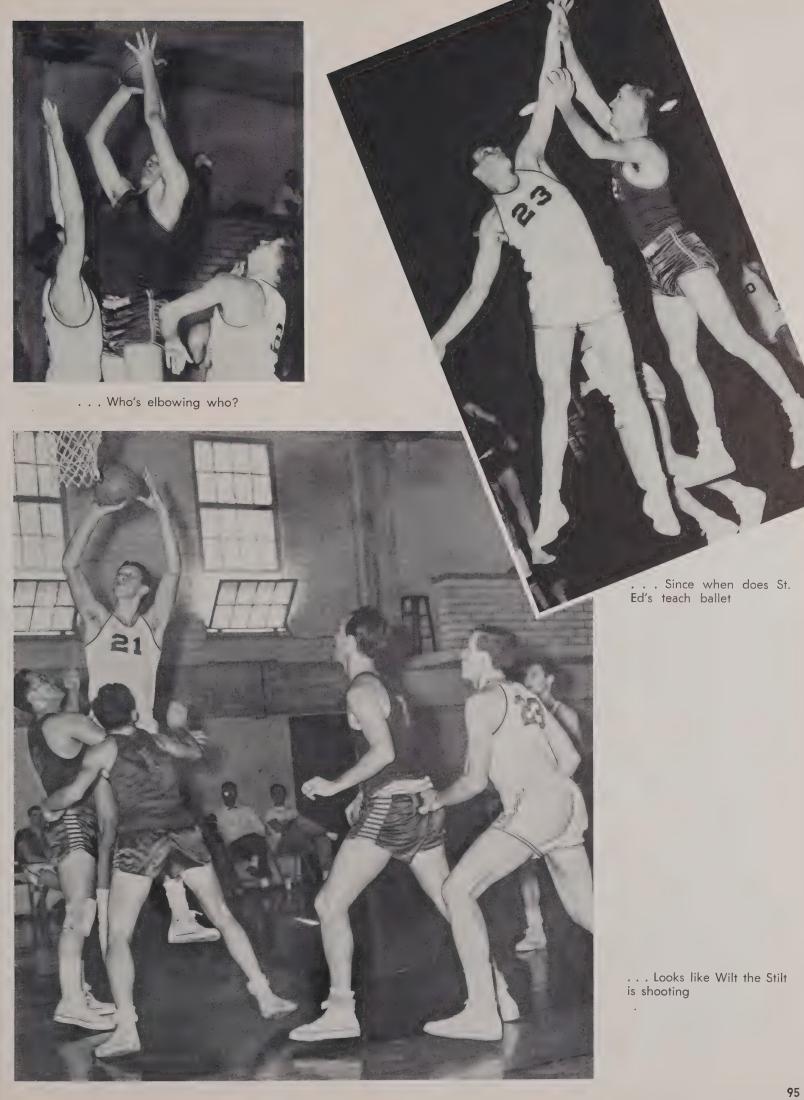
. . . St. Thomas just couldn't hold us





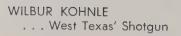








TOM GORE
... Just like posing for Beverly







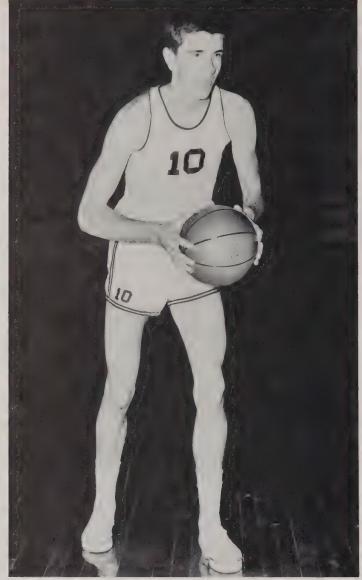
. . . This is how Beck gets his bruises



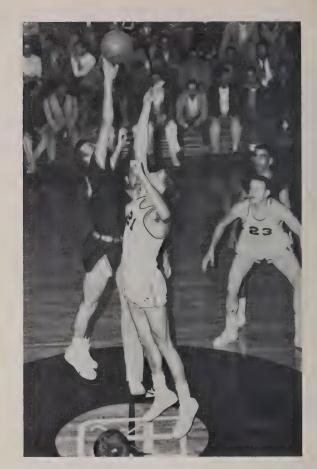
. . . Another lay up by Don



. . . Here's a shot to tie it up



JOE BECK
... Always ready when needed



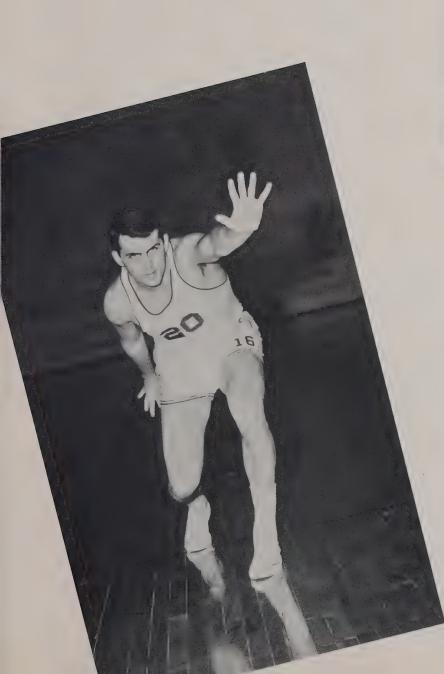
. . . Not high enough, Ron



RAY BOURGEOIS
. . . Keep an eye on him



. . . Look at that form



JOE ELMORE
. . . Rollo's here

BOB KIRKNOFF
. . . A real fighter



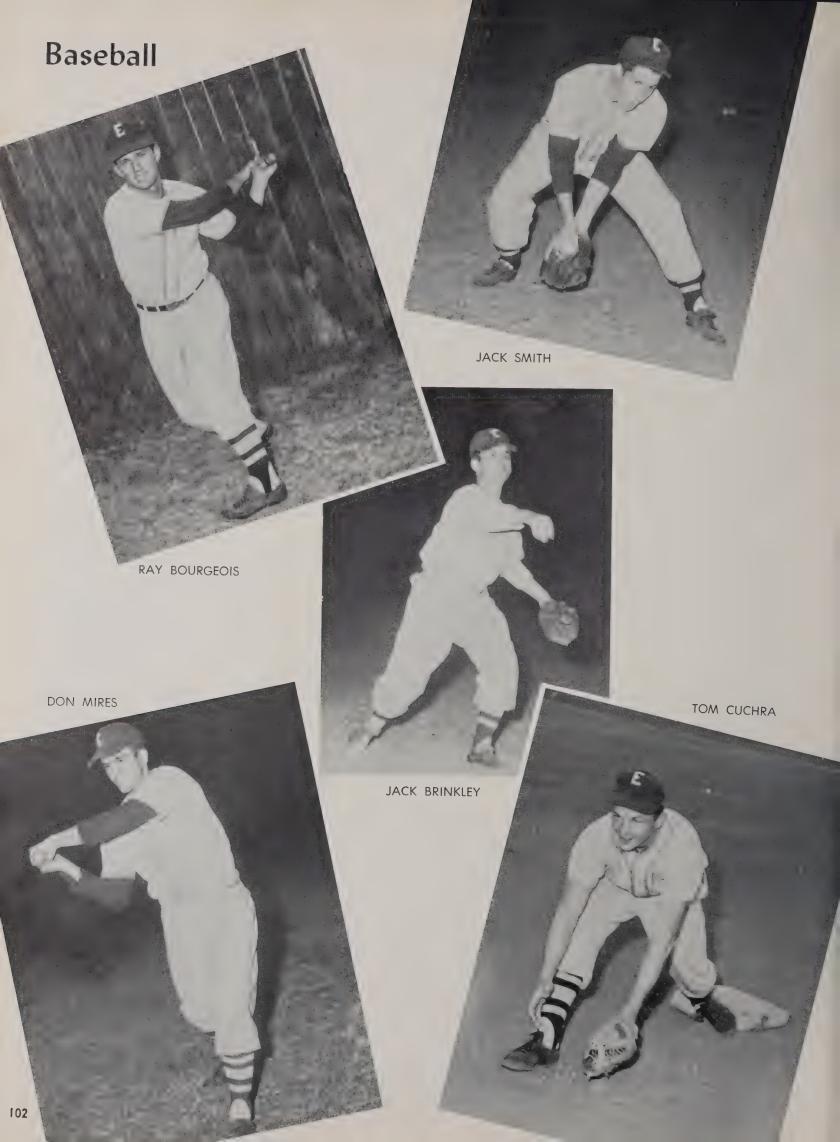
TOPPERS FOR '55-'56

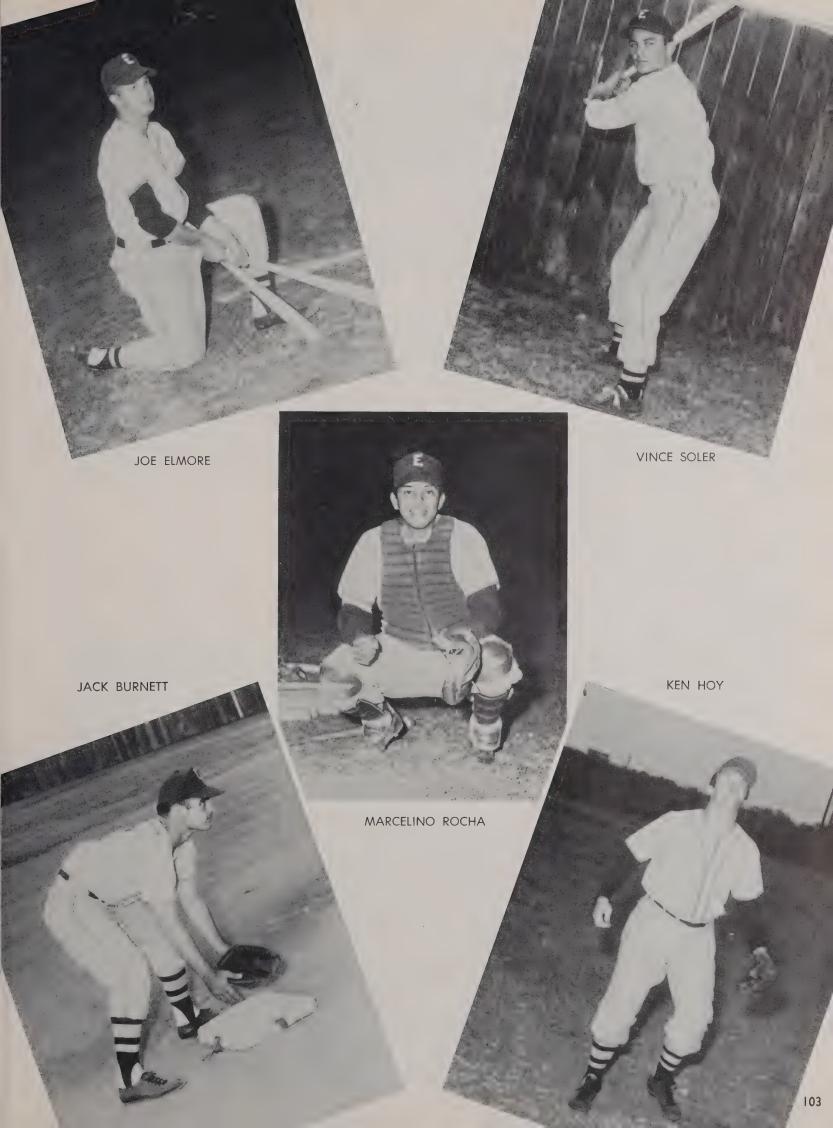
Kneeling: Assistant Coach Jim Fougerousse, Coach Ed Norris. Standing, left to right: Ray Bourgeois, Don Stump, Bob Kirkhoff, Barry Sullivan, Al Popp, Wilbur Kohnle, Ron Latosinski, Charlie Popp, Joe Beck, Ron Bella, Joe Beck, Tom Gore.

Baseball



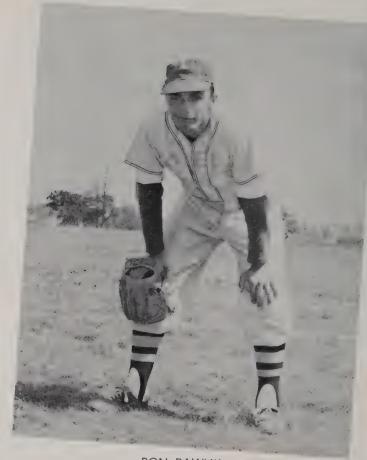
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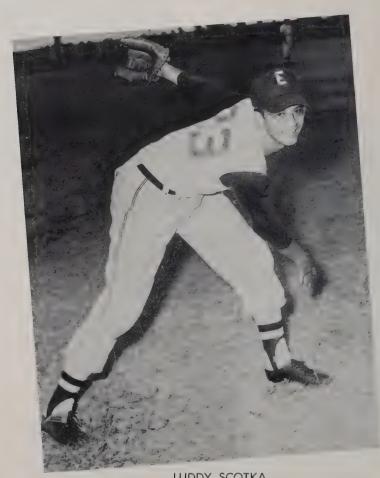




RON PAWLIK



JERRY HENSCHEID



LUDDY SCOTKA



1956 BASEBALL TEAM

First row, left to right: Ron Pawlik, Jerry Henschied, Ken Hoy, Don Mires, Jack Smith, Vin Soler, Jim Hawkins, Roberto Santos, Jack Brinkley. Second row: Jerry Godinich, Jack Burnett, Ray Bourgeois, Tom Cuchra, Luddy Scotka, Marcelino Roche, Mitch Tomaszkiewicz, Joe Elmore, James Schlebach, Coach James Fougerousse.

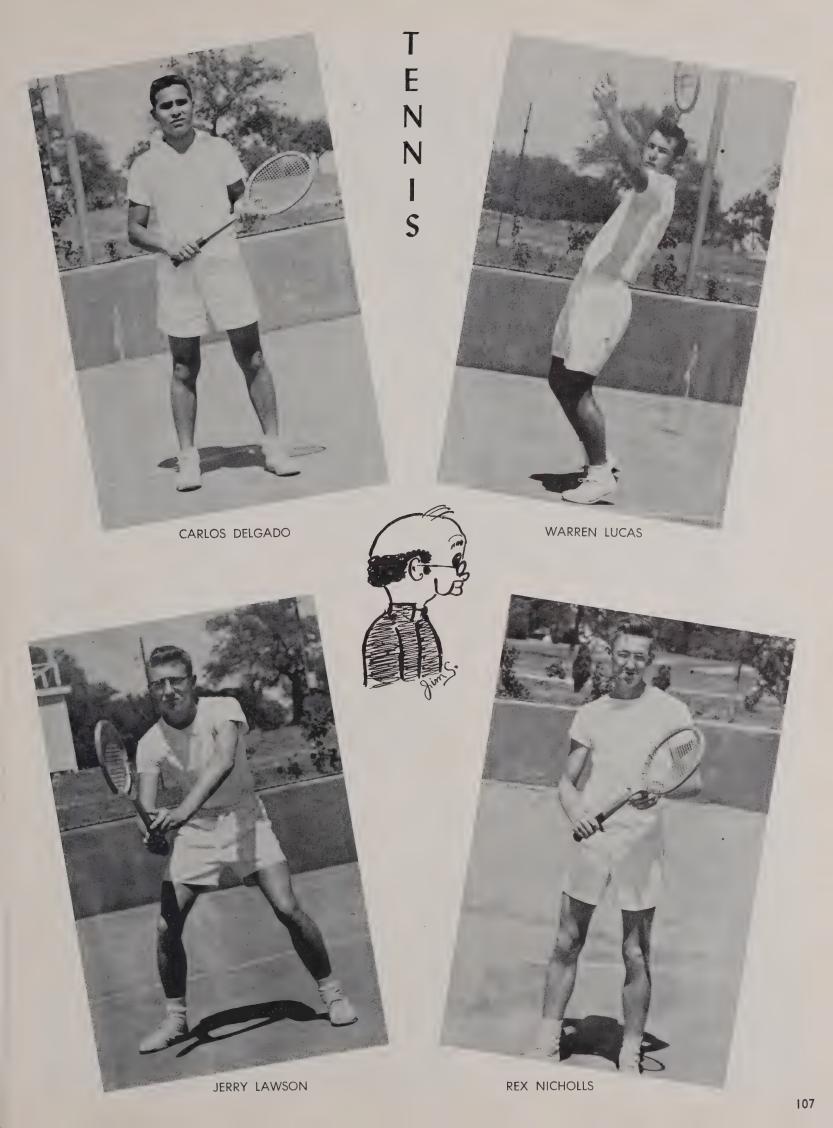


JOE NIETO



TOM LEBLANC

JIM PATTILLO





LETTERMEN: Joe Nieto, Captain, Jim Pattillo and Tom LeBlanc.



INTRAMURALS



An excellent intramural league developed this year giving due credit to its supervisors Brother Walter Foken, C.S.C. and the Intramural Commissioners, Vincent Soler and Shaun O'Brien. In all fields of play the student body response was praiseworthy and as such made the leagues much more active through keener competition and a better system of officiating.

In the Football league, the Underdogs upset the favored Galvestonians, last year's champs, and took the title with an unblemished record. The exceptionally good refereeing by Mitch Tomaszkiewicz and Don Tremmel added extra impetus to make the league more outstanding.

In the Basketball league, the Royals also finished with an unblemished record with the Knights of Columbus and Galveston Club in a dead heat for second place.



FOOTBALL



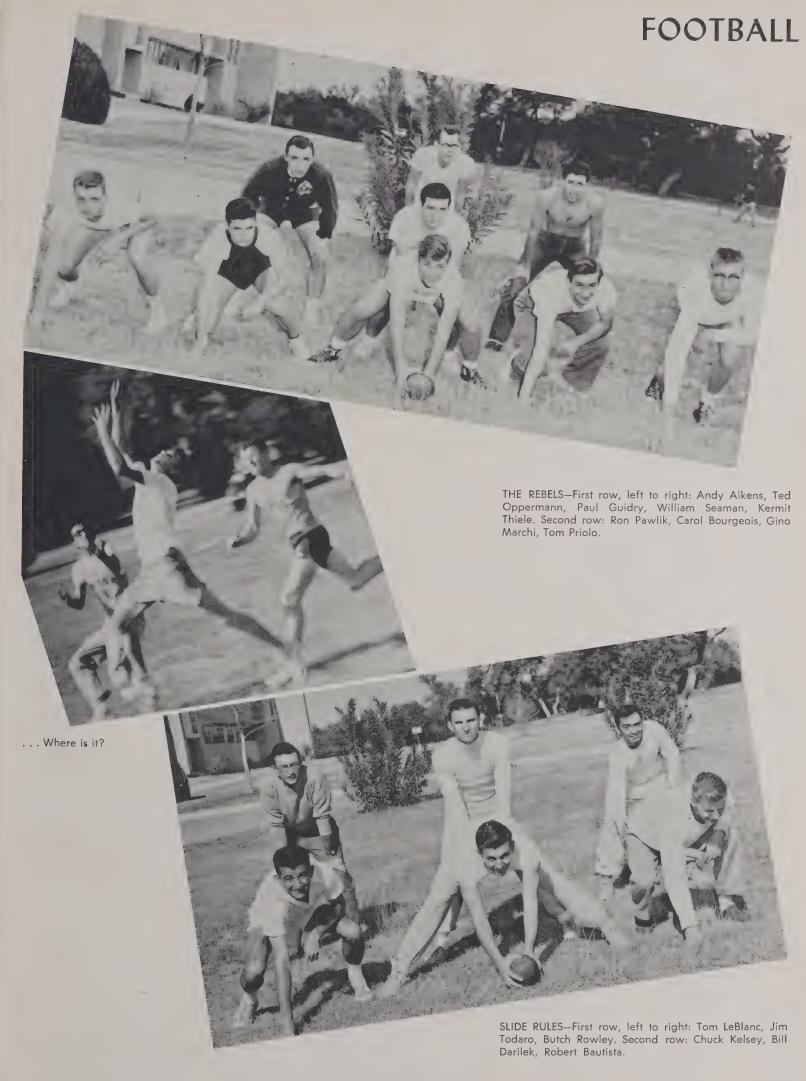


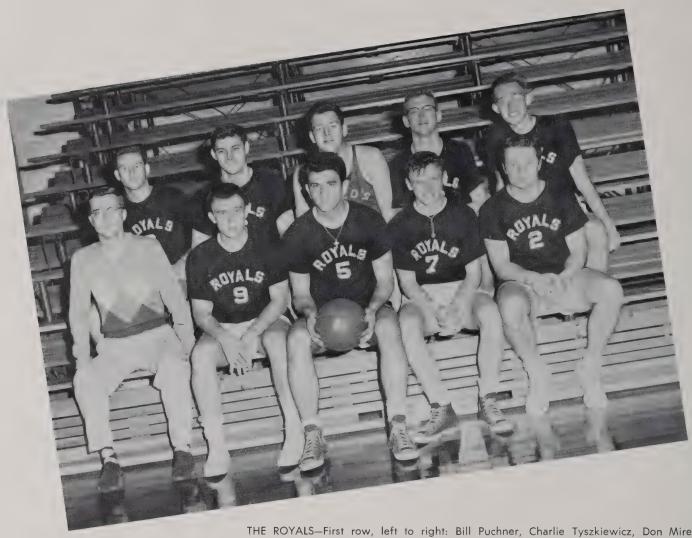


. . . Tito ought to hear about this









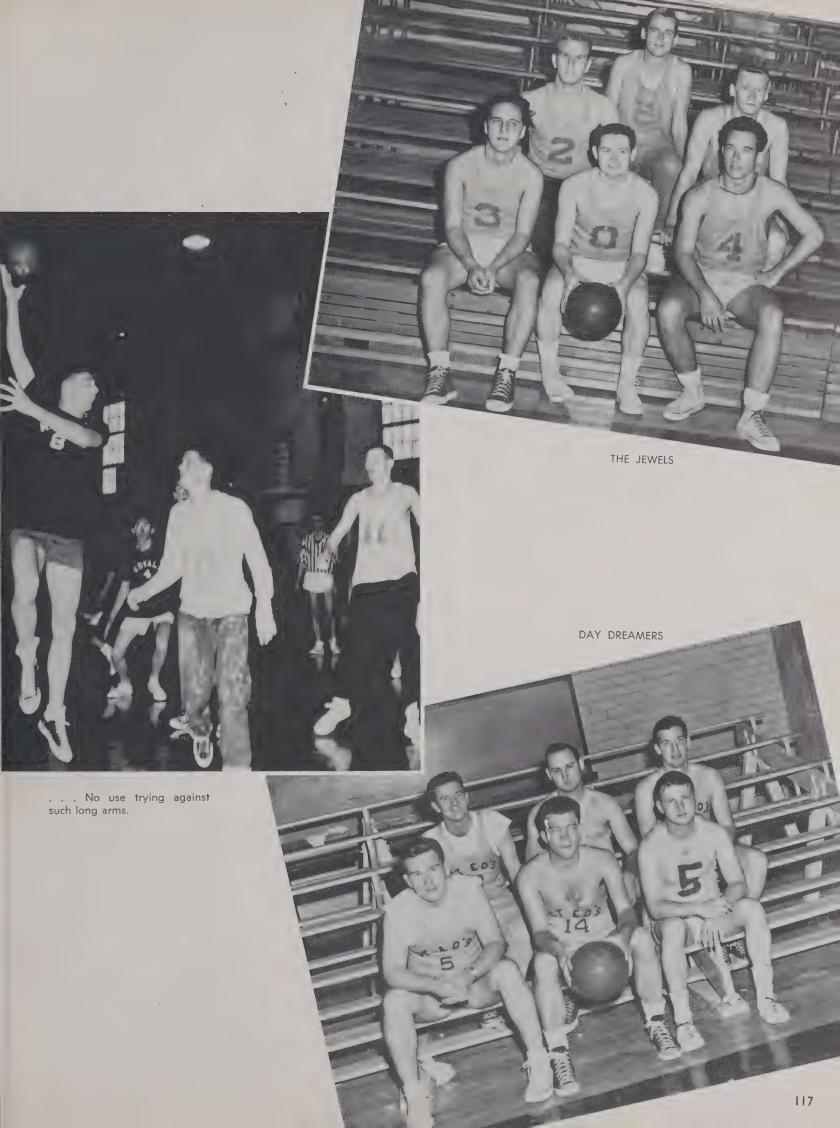
THE ROYALS—First row, left to right: Bill Puchner, Charlie Tyszkiewicz, Don Mires, Tom Cuchra, Ken Hoy. Second row: Jerry Henscheid, George Lee, Jerry Girard, Kermit Thiele, Rex Nicholl.

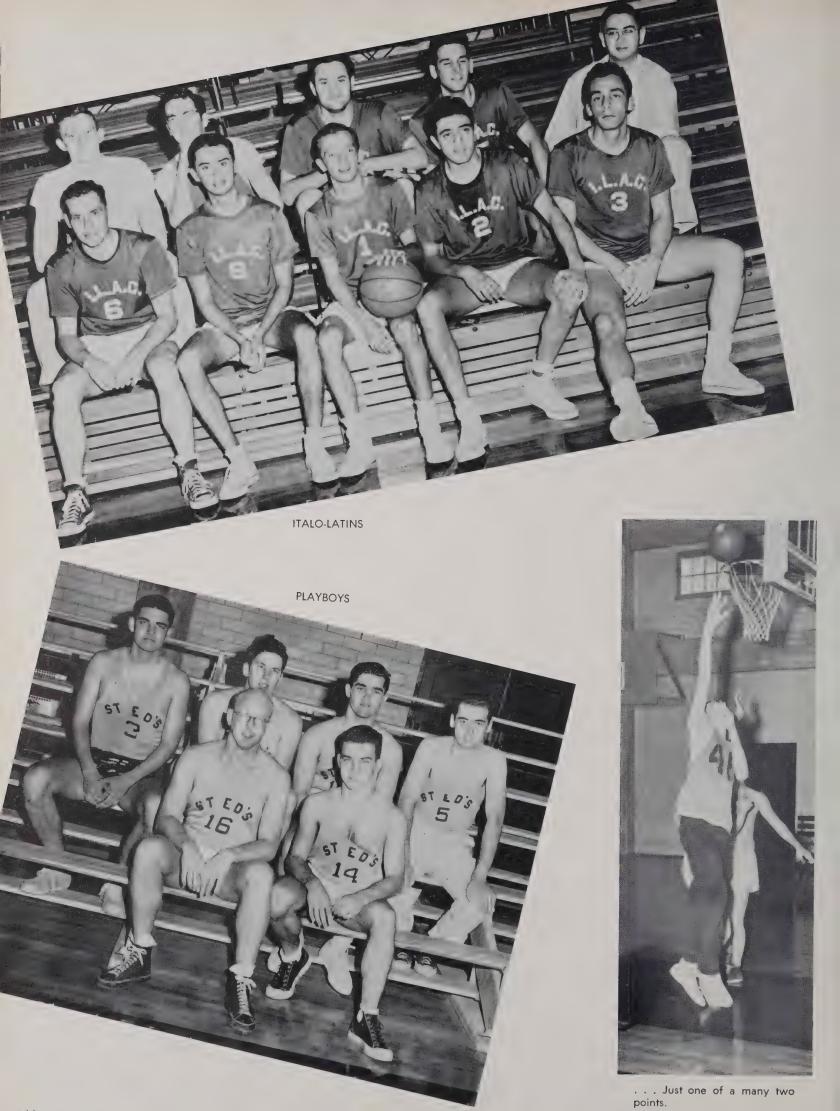


Second Place Tie











It All Started . . .

with the Welcome Freshman dance, sponsored by the Galveston Club, Jay Leutwyler's orchestra playing, and the series of Fall dances was begun. Soon, however, the thoughts of the students were turned inward to more sobering and spiritual aspects of life at St. Edward's. The annual retreat was held October 6-9.



Everyone didn't pose . . .

Father di Marchi and other religious leaders counseled with the students on deeper meanings of life and death. Much preparation was necessary for the retreat—a time for inspiration for renewed faith and a new consciousness of obligation.

The Rev. James Young, S.M., from St. Mary's University, was the retreat master.

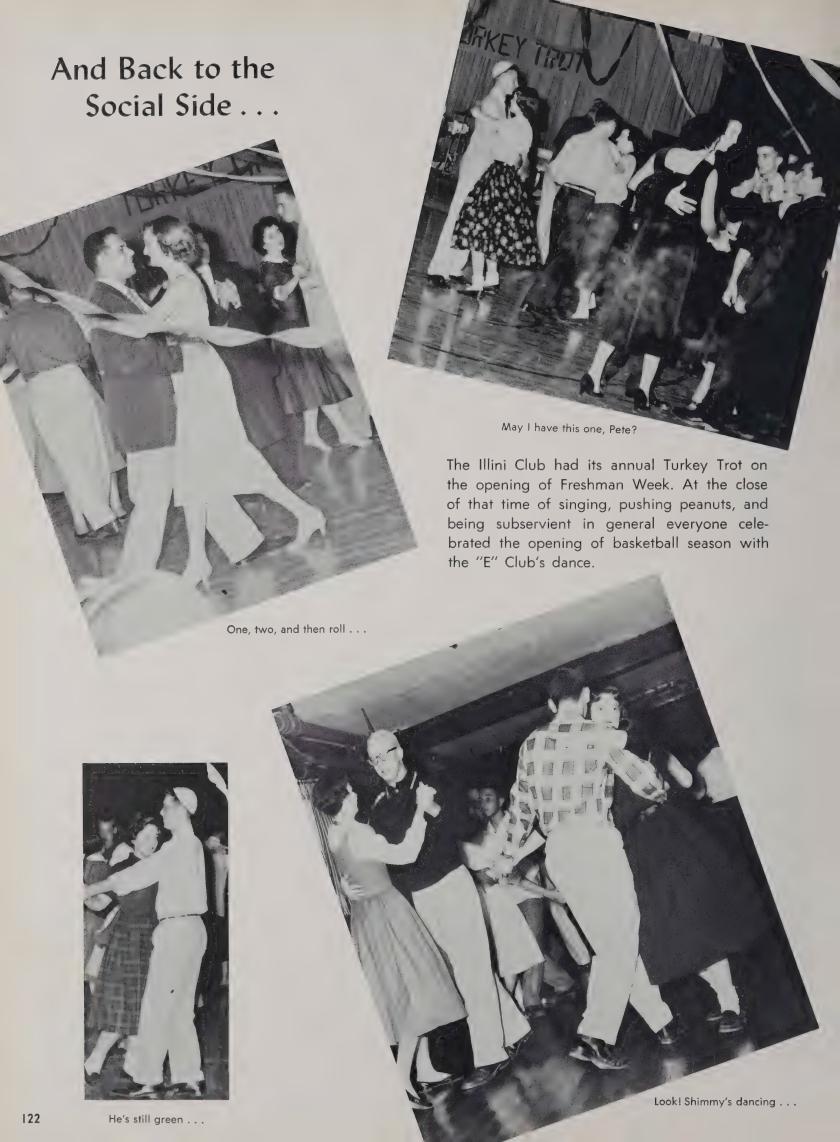


Everyone prepared for the retreat . . .





Devotion along with a multitude of thoughts . . .





Looks like Pa and Ma Kettle's litter . . .

One of Jack's better nights . . .

The Christmas Formal



Fred, stay off of her blue suede shoes . . .



The dance floor was never empty . . .

... All Smiles



Where did you hide the bottle this time?



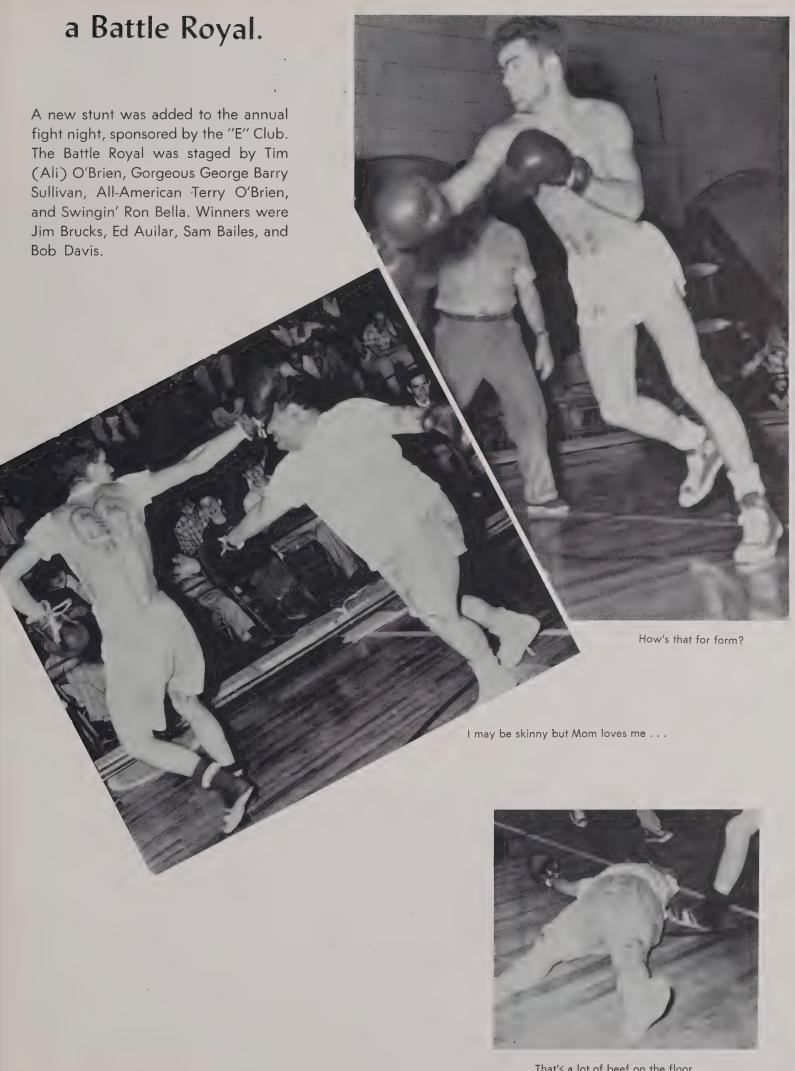
Won't be long now, Sam . . .



Looks like the Isle was well represented at this table.

Fightnight . . .





That's a lot of beef on the floor . . .



Where to, Ron?

The Dutch won over the Irish on the losers' saint day. St. Patrick would have been proud of the efforts, however. Such contests of strength and skill as sack races, wheelbarrow races, and field games proved too much for the Irish—although Shaun O'Brien was the field captain. The Press Club sponsored the day's activities.



Quit crowding me, will ya . . .



The Boatride . . .



Look who came out of their Ivory Tower . . .



Who is the comic in this bunch? . . .

Spring rains ushered in the annual Knights of Columbus boat ride on Lake Austin, but no one seemed to mind—except the chaperones, that is. Blankets, raincoats, and gallant Edsmen kept the women from shivering—and of course, the refreshments aided.





Who spiked my 7-up? . . .

Tommie should have been here . . .



Godinich is always gold bricking . . .





George must like to Polka . . .

... Rain, Rain, and More Rain



As the party progressed . . .

St. Ed's Sweetheart . . .





SWEETHEARTS—Polly Zapp with Dan Singel, Indiana Club; Linda Wright with Vince Soler, "E" Club; Jo Palasota with Jim Schlebach, Italo-Latin Club; Barbara Reinbach with Raymond Quintero.

SWEETHEARTS—Marlene Wendel with Pat Wagner, Science Academy; Rose Perussina with Otis Zapp, Commerce Forum; Joan Barker with Sam Tramonte, Galveston Club.



... Was Crowned



MISS MARLENE WENDEL 1955-56 Sweetheart of St. Edward's University

Man of the Year . . .



Brother Elmo presents . . .



But always prepared for this . . .



Dick Weed, the unprepared boy Scout . . .

Dick Weed received the seventh annual Man of the Year trophy for "having done the most for the school as a whole during the current scholastic year."

A senior, Dick served on the Student Activities Council, the Radio Club, the Illini Club, and the Commerce Forum, and was secretary-treasurer of his class last year. He has been active in every drama production on the campus since his arrival at St. Edward's. He was on the Dean's List and last year served as campus intramural commissioner.

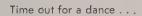
Dick's most recent contribution to campus activities was the directing of "An Enemy of the People," a highly successful all-student production.



Blades cost more than a dance . . .











Is this a wedding or dance?

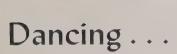


The Spring Ball...



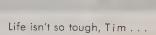


Looks like everyone is happy and sober . . .





Come on, let go of my finger . . .





How's it feel, Tom?





What's so funny? . . .



Come on, Kid, look this way . . .



Favorite pastime of Edsman . . .



Time out, the photog and caddie . . .



...And Afterwards



Who's your friend, Sweeters?



Jack slept in the guest room . . .

Award Night . . .



RON BELLA . . . Basketball's most valuable



RAY BOURGEOIS
... Baseball's most valuable

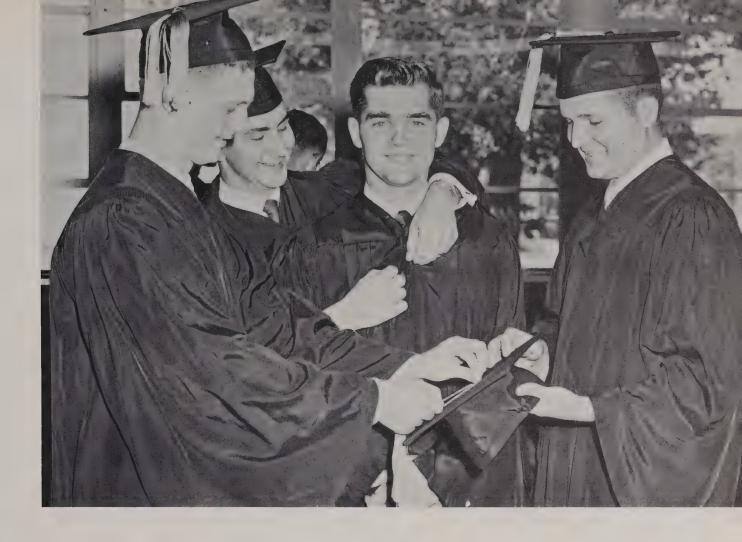


TOM LE BLANC ... Sportsmanship award





BOB DOWDY
... All-Intramural award
DON MIRES
... Fight night award



And Finally — Graduation

All too soon the year had ended—and with May came finals and graduation. Fred Stegall delivered the valedictory at commencement. Also two awards were given to Business Administration majors Sam Tramonte and Joseph Marcy.

Preceding the graduation exercises, solemn high mass was held in the chapel in the presence of the Bishop of Austin, the Most Rev. Louis J. Kearns, P. A. Vicar General of the Diocese of Austin said the mass.

Honorary degrees were conferred on the commencement speakers, Dr. Sidney Greenburg, Monsignor Kearns, and Dr. John McMahon.



FRED STEGALL, the Valedictorian



MONSIGNOR KEARNS

Five students graduated with the distinction of Magna Cum Laude: Brother Joseph Patrick Heisler, CSC, William Rowley, Fred Stegall, Sam Tramonte and Richard Weed.

Four received degrees with the distinction of Cum Laude: Brother Donald Mroscak, CSC, Brother William Fitch, CSC, Thomas Kieffer, and Charles McGannon.



DR. GREENBURG



The blessing of the flag, then coffee for everyone. Families and friends came from all over the country to see the seniors graduate.





The Academic Profession from the chapel to the gym for commencement.



1956 St. Edward's University Graduates.

An Edsman Leaves

A senior receives his degree and is gone. But right behind him comes another freshman who will survive finals, Dutch-Irish Day, English composition, and test tubes to emerge a college graduate.

In the opening of this book we asked the question, "What is an Edsman? We saw the campus through the eyes of a freshman and planned to take him through a year at St. Edward's. But we soon realized that the freshman is one for only a few weeks. As the sights and sounds become familiar he is no longer a stranger but an Edsman.

And as such he can romp through sack races, dance reasonably well at the Senior Ball, work integral calculus, and is at one with his Creator.

The students who have produced this book,
Dan Singel, the associate editor; Jim Roach
and Ralph Sansone, the photographers; Jim
Schlebach, the cartoonist; Connie Landry



and Ron Wietlispach, layout editors; worked to give you those sights and sounds that make the University vibrantly alive or silent with introspection.

I thank these students for patience, effort, and perseverance—especially next year's editor, Dan Singel.

Sam G. Tramonte Editor



